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DECREE ON UNIFIED REGULATION OF ROMANIAN WATERWAYS

Decree No 798, issued in Bucharest on 20 March 1953 by the
Council of Ministers of the Rumanian People's Republic, provides
for the coordination of the regulation of waterways in Rumania.

Article 1

Coordination and regulation of all waterways are the responsibility of
the General Directorate of Hydrometeorology under the Council of Ministers, in
accordance with Decree No 143 of 1953 and the present decree.

Article 2

For rational mastery and use of waterways, and in order to prevent damage
by flood, a plan will be drawn up for the control of all waterways and natural
lakes, in order of necessity. The plan will be drawn up by the General Direc-
torate of Hydrometeorology and interested organizations and institutes.

Article 3

The plan will include the following:

- a. A study of waterway control to prevent flooding.
- b. A study of water for power and irrigation purposes.
- c. Technological, economic, and social justification for the work.
- d. Steps in carrying out the work, and division of duties.
- e. Plan for management of waterways.
- f. Model for drawing up waterway plans.

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Article 4

Plans for the management of waterways will be submitted to the Council of Ministers for approval.

Article 5

The work of individual ministries will be as follows:

a. Ministry of Agriculture:

Improvement of land, clearing of swamps and malarial marshes.

Application of provisions of treaties regarding waterways which cross the country's borders.

Flood control and land reclamation.

Control of erosion, protection of farmland in plains areas.

b. Ministry of Naval and Air Transport:

Navigation, and water control for navigation.

Improvement of navigable waterways, construction of dikes.

c. Ministry of Forest Culture:

Control of floods in mountains and wooded hills.

d. Ministry of Lumber, Paper, and Cellulose:

Direction of the floating of rafts on waterways.

e. Ministry of Electrical Energy and Electrical Equipment Industry:

Damming and management of waterways which produce power.

f. Ministry of Communal Administration and Local Industry:

Supply of water to inhabited areas and to industrial centers.

Sewage control for industrial areas and human habitations.

Protection of towns, communes, villages, and roads under the jurisdiction of executive committees of people's councils against flooding.

Article 6

In projects where more than one ministry is concerned, the General Directorate of Hydrometeorology will propose to the Council of Ministers the individual ministry which should be in charge.

Article 7

Curtailment or expansion of work now in progress on waterways will be decreed by the Council of Ministers, with the advice of the General Directorate of Hydrometeorology, in conformity with the general waterways plan.

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Article 8

The use of waterways by installations under several departments or institutes will be controlled under a coordinated plan drawn up by the General Directorate of Hydrometeorology in collaboration with the organizations concerned.

Article 9

The use of waterways of local interest will be controlled by the executive committees of people's councils.

Article 10

A Technical Council for Waterways is hereby set up within the General Directorate of Hydrometeorology to advise on waterway matters. This council will consist of technicians of the directorate, and delegates of ministries and institutes using waterways.

Article 11

The Technical Council for Waterways will have the following duties:

- a. It will advise on planning of over-all use of waterways and individual projects.
- b. It will advise on schedules for study and planning for ministries and institutes.
- c. It will advise on the use of water in the best public interest and on the purification of sewage.
- d. It will advise on instructions prepared by the General Directorate of Hydrometeorology in conformity with Article 16 of the present decree.

Article 12

The General Directorate of Hydrometeorology will advise on problems within its jurisdiction on the basis of consultations with the Technical Council for Waterways.

Article 13

The method of operation of the Technical Council for Waterways will be fixed by the director of the General Directorate of Hydrometeorology.

Article 14

The General Directorate of Hydrometeorology will carry out its duties through its central and field services.

Article 15

The directorate can issue mandatory instructions as coordinator of waterways.

Article 16

Ministries, institutes, and executive committees of people's councils will inform the directorate of all topographic and waterway studies. All units and institutes will inform the directorate of studies in progress on waterways, for the purpose of coordination. The directorate will furnish units and institutes information which they desire on waterways.

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Article 17

The General Directorate of Hydrometeorology will submit to the Council of Ministers a list of waterways of general interest before 3 June 1953.

Article 18

In case of litigation originating from the application of this decree, the technical advice of the General Directorate of Hydrometeorology may be sought.

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